**Electrification of Villages in Rajasthan**

3645. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of power in Rajasthan at present, plant-wise;

(b) the total requirement of power in the State;

(c) whether Government propose to set up new power projects during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of villages likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The plant-wise production of power in Rajasthan during the period April to July, 1997 is given as under :

| Power Plant | Power production (Million Units) during April, 97 to July, 97 |
|---|---|
| RSEB | |
| *Thermal/Gas* | |
| Kota | 1953 |
| Ramgarh GT | 81 |
| RSEB (Thermal) | 2034 |
| *Hydro* | |
| R.P. Sagar | 153 |
| Jawahar Sagar | 101 |
| Mahi Bajaj | 83 |
| Small Hydro | 2 |
| RSEB (Hydro) | 339 |
| RSEB (Total) | 2373 |
| Anta Gas (NTPC) | 884 |
| RAPS Nuclear (NPC) | 238 |
| Total (Rajasthan) | 3495 |

(b) The Total requirement of power in Rajasthan during July, 97 is given below :

Energy Requirement = 1615 MU

Peak Demand = 2600 MU

(c) to (e) Rajasthan Atomic Power Project Extension Unit 3 & 4 (440 MW) is under execution by Nuclear Power Corporation Ltd. in Rajasthan. Suratgarh TPS (250 MW) under State sector is scheduled to be commissioned during 1997-98 in Rajasthan. Rural electrification programmes are formulated on a year to year basis. The annual plan for the year 1997-98 is yet to be finalised by Planning Commission. However, REC has proposed to electrify 480 villages in Rajasthan under their financed schemes.

**Disputed Dues of Central Sector Undertakings**

3646. SHRI PARASRAM MEGHWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Governments have objected the deductions of the disputed outstanding dues of Central Sector Undertakings from the Central plan assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are affecting the recovery from the plan assistance of the disputed dues also; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs taken in its meeting held on 7th February, 1997, an amount of Rs. 8006.18 crores (Rs. 4345.53 crores as Principal and Rs. 3660.65 crores as Surcharge/Interest) of the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power in addition to the outstanding dues of the PSUs under the Ministries of Coal/Railways/Atomic Energy is to be deducted from the Central Plan Assistance payable to the States. The deduction is to be made upto a maximum of 15% of the Central Plan Assistance payable to the States annually irrespective of the number of years that it may take for recovery of the outstanding dues.

**Land to Tillers**

3647. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of surplus land vested with the State Government and Union Territories as on date, State-wise;

(b) the total quantum of land distributed among people during 1995-96 and 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) the reaction of the Government towards the demand for land to the tillers; and

(d) the targets of the Government for vesting surplus land in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Statement showing State-wise/UTs area of surplus land vested with the State since inception till March, 1997 and area distributed to the rural poor during 1995-96 and 1996-97 is enclosed.

(c) and (d) Land and its management is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government plays an advisory and coordinative role. However, all possible measures are being taken in association with the concerned State Governments to improve the access of land to the landless rural poor.

***Statement***

| Sl. No. | States/UTs | Area Vested | Area Distributed | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 636237 | 10773 | 3427 |
| 2. | Assam | 575837 | 3228 | 3163 |
| 3. | Bihar | 416529 | 5816 | 1841 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 158046 | 1530 | 1892 |
| 5. | Haryana | 85348 | 189 | 534 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 281652 | - | - |
| 7. | Jammu & Kashmir | 450000 | - | - |
| 8. | Karnataka | 155026 | - | 937 |
| 9. | Kerala | 94800 | 171 | 185 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 299718 | 85 | 280 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 664352 | 471 | 421 |
| 12. | Manipur | 1685 | - | - |
| 13. | Orissa | 165726 | 833 | 958 |
| 14. | Punjab | 105151 | 50 | 277 |
| 15. | Rajasthan | 557879 | 8898 | 3444 |
| 16. | Tamil Nadu | 171114 | 3354 | 3173 |
| 17. | Tripura | 1944 | - | - |
| 18. | Uttar Pradesh | 527036 | 5624 | 4870 |
| 19. | West Bengal | 1224771 | 10788 | - |
| 20. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 9305 | 76 | - |
| 21. | Delhi | 394 | - | - |
| 22. | Pondicherry | 1160 | - | - |
| | Total | 6583710 | 51886 | 25402 |

*[Translation]*

**Delivery of Bills**

3648. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "250 bijli bill gharon ki bajay sadakon par pade mile" appearing in the *Dainik Jagran* dated June 3, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(c) the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The postman at fault has been transferred from Vasundhara Enclave Post Office and charge-sheeted.

(d) The Delhi Circle is keeping a strict watch over the delivery staff to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

*[English]*

**Employment Schemes in Orissa**

3649. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented in Orissa presently for creating employment opportunities to rural people in the state; and

(b) the funds allocated to the State for this purpose during each of last three years and the achievements made thereunder, scheme-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), are the major employment schemes being implemented presently in the rural areas of the country including the State of Orissa. The aims of those schemes are to generate self employment by providing financial assistance for income generating assets and to develop technical skill to the rural poor under IRDP and wage employment under JRY & EAS to the rural poor families to cross the poverty line & for betterment of their lives.